

## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-16-02

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The following is offered in response to your request for a formal interpretation of section 1103.1, exception 9, of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code, as amended by the State of Connecticut in the 1999 Connecticut Supplement.

**Question:** Section 1103.1, exception 9, of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code states that a mezzanine having less than 3000 square feet of gross area is exempt from accessibility requirements if the goods and services provided on such mezzanine are available in accessible areas. Are locker rooms and break rooms for employees considered goods and services for the purposes of this exemption?

**Answer:** Yes. The intent of this exception is to prohibit locating unique or essential functions exclusively on a mezzanine that is not accessible to persons with disabilities. If employee locker rooms or break rooms are located on an in-accessible mezzanine, there must also be employee locker rooms or break rooms located in an accessible area for the use of persons with disabilities.